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**Amendments to the Claims:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A bottle stopper device for use with a bottle having a liquid therein, comprising:

a cylindrical body formed of a flexible, elastic, resilient material and having a lower portion at a first end, and an upper portion at a second [[end;]] end, the lower portion having a length and adapted to be inserted into an opening of a bottle in sealing engagement with the [[bottle;]] bottle and the upper portion having a length and disposed adjacent the lower portion for extending above the opening of the bottle when the lower portion is inserted in sealing engagement with the bottle, wherein the upper portion defines a pour opening composed of a plurality of substantially uniformly disposed apertures, the pour opening extending across substantially an entire cross section of the upper portion;

an air passageway disposed adjacent to, and extending longitudinally beyond the length of, said lower portion in a direction away from said upper portion along the internal periphery of said cylindrical body, wherein said air passageway is substantially encircled by said plurality of apertures; and

a visual indicator disposed on an outer surface of said upper portion for identifying the relative location of said air passageway with respect to said visual indicator; [[and]]

the upper portion having a substantially circular interior cross-sectional shape and extending above and surrounding the uniformly disposed apertures and the air passageway <u>such that the upper portion is adapted</u> to permit sealing the liquid in the bottle from the atmosphere by a cap insertable into the <del>upper</del>